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new office now open**

The Wabash Plain Dealer's new office is now open on the second floor at 99 W. Canal St.

**'White Christmas' to  
be shown at the  
Honeywell Center**

"White Christmas" will be shown at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17 in the Honeywell Center's Ford Theater. The admission fee will be \$2 per person.

**'Ask a Teenager' tech  
basics event planned**

Bring your electronic devices and your questions, assistance provided by Heartland Career Center Tech students at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17 at the Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. Sign-up is requested by calling 260-563-4475.

**Red Cross blood  
donation opportunity  
set for Dec. 17**

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, at the First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass St.

**WCPL plans  
Holiday Open House**

The Wabash Carnegie Public Library (WCPL) has planned their Holiday Open House from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18. The all-ages event will feature snacks, crafts,

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**HOLIDAYS:** Caleb Young, associate conductor, said this is his fourth holiday season with the Fort Wayne Philharmonic.

## Holiday Pops at the Honeywell Center

The Fort Wayne Philharmonic to present seasonal show Wednesday

BY ROB BURGESS  
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Seasonal favorites are set to mix with some unexpected musical turns as the Fort Wayne Philharmonic is set to present their Holiday Pops concert at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18 at the Honeywell Center's Ford Theater. All tickets are \$18.

### Preparing for the holiday concert

In a recent phone interview, Caleb Young, associate conductor, said this is his fourth holiday season with the Philharmonic, he's had an opportunity to present "some really special shows the past couple years."

"I just think it's a great way to kick off the holiday season. Get yourself out of your turkey coma and start looking forward to the holidays," he said.

Young said they have one touring performance and another based in Fort Wayne.

"We're quite busy in December, as you can imagine," he said.

Young said it was important to find a balance between the uprising and the familiar.



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**CONCERT:** Familiar selections slated for the show include a suite from the film, "It's a Wonderful Life," "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers," "White Christmas" and an audience sing-a-long.

"We have the same jingles that you've come to expect, but you'd be amazed at how many variations you can put on those kinds of pieces," he said. "There's not a shortage of holiday music, I will tell you that."

Stephanie Carlson, soprano, is set to sing several selections with the orchestra during Wednesday's performance.

"She's a real talent and she's going to be doing some newer arrangements of some Barbara Streisand music," said Young.

Other familiar selections slated for the show include

a suite from the film, "It's a Wonderful Life," "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers," "White Christmas" and an audience sing-a-long.

Young said even some familiar tunes will have a new twist.

"Most orchestras will end a Christmas concert or a holiday concert with 'Sleigh Ride,'" he said. "That's something that people expect. But what we do, or what I have chosen to do, is we end the first half of sleigh ride and then we might have a very special Caribbean encore. I'll just tease it that way.

Just think about taking a sleigh ride in the Caribbean."

### The role of the conductor

Young said while he is originally from North Carolina, he studied conducting at Indiana University. He said on a philosophical level, a conductor should be a motivator.

"It should be someone who enables someone to do their greatest work," he said. "Because when you

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## Snow blankets the region

More precipitation likely through Tuesday morning

BY ROB BURGESS

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A storm Sunday evening and Monday morning brought between 2 inches and a half foot of snow to the region, according to the National Weather Service (NWS).

### Snowfall totals

In a Monday phone interview Kyle Brown, NWS Northern Indiana meteorologist, said they had two snowfall totals from LaFontaine, one for 2.1 inches on the northwest side of town, and 2 inches in LaFontaine proper.

However, Brown said in Grant County they saw higher totals, with Upland recording 6 inches of snow on the ground.

Brown said this difference

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## WMS sixth grade choir to perform Tuesday

Concert scheduled for 1 p.m. at the Winchester Senior Center

STAFF REPORT

The sixth grade Wabash Middle School (WMS) choir students will perform for the community at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, at the Winchester Senior Center, 239 Bond St., according to a press release.

Mark Nevil, is now in his second year as director of vocal music at Wabash High School and Wabash Middle School. He comes to the position after 29 years of teaching vocal music, with 20 of them at Northfield Jr.-Sr. High School.

Sixth grade students at Wabash Middle School can

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## Manchester first-generation scholarship award winner is 'Realizing the Dream'

Each recipient is awarded \$3,000 to help with college costs

BY ANNE GREGORY

Elizabeth Allred is the first person in her family to attend college. Adopted by her grandparents when she was 13, the Manchester University social work major from Huntington, was recently honored with a "Realizing the Dream" award by the Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI).

Each recipient is awarded \$3,000 by ICI to help with college costs, and each of them, in turn, selects a "most influential" teacher or mentor to receive a \$1,000 professional development grant.

In Allred's case, that teacher is Huntington North High School's Paige Humphries, someone who cares about academics but cares even more about the individual students. That care involved a word after class, a kind question when someone was having a bad day.

That day for Allred

was her 18th birthday. Humphries noticed she was down, pulled her aside and asked how she was doing. Allred walked into class the next day to homemade cake, games and karaoke.

Personal connections like this also drew Allred to Manchester.

When Allred was getting ready for college, she wanted to be near her grandparents. She had always known she wanted to help people, and social work finally bubbled to the top as a career.

During her three college visits, only the Manchester social work program "felt

**WINNER:** Elizabeth Allred is the first person in her family to attend college.

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like home."

"It was the only department I really got attached to after visiting and sitting in on the classes," she said. Accustomed to small-town life, she was also drawn to what she describes as the "quaint campus."

Along the way, Allred has found many caring faculty members, and she has developed a close bond with her academic adviser, Assistant Professor Alicia Dai-



ley. "She got here just three years ago, so it's been nice to learn together through

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## IN BRIEF

## Northern Indiana diocese suspends priest accused of abuse

## State police sued over fatal roadside shooting by trooper

## Official: Off-road vehicles eroding Hoosier National Forest



**Showtimes for Thursday, December 12-Thursday, December 19**  
*All showtimes have Closed Captioning available.*

<p><b>Jumanji: The Next Level in 2D (PG13)</b>  Fri: 6:50, 7:15 • Sat: Sun: 12:55, 4:25, 6:50, 7:15  Mon: 6:50, 7:15 • Tues: 7:15  Wed: 6:50, 7:15 • Thurs: 6:55</p> <p><b>Jumanji: The Next Level in RealD 3D (PG13)</b>  Fri: 9:35 • Sat: 9:45, 9:55 • Sun: 3:45</p> <p><b>Star Wars: Episode IX- The Rise of Skywalker in 2D (PG13)</b>  Thurs: 6:15</p> <p><b>Star Wars: Episode IX- The Rise of Skywalker in RealD 3D (PG13)</b>  Thurs: 6:25</p>	<p><b>Midway (PG13)</b>  Fri: 10:05 • Sat: 1:25, 10:05 • Sun: 1:25 • Tues: 6:50</p> <p><b>Knives Out (PG13)</b>  Fri: 6:30, 9:45 • Sat: 1:35, 3:35, 6:30, 9:45  Sun: 1:35, 3:35, 6:30 • Mon- Wed: 6:30  Thurs: 6:35</p> <p><b>A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood (PG)</b>  Fri: 7:05, 9:25 • Sat: 1:05, 4:35, 7:05, 9:25  Sun: 1:05, 4:35, 7:05 • Mon- Wed: 9:05</p> <p><b>Frozen II in 2D (PG)</b>  Fri: 6:40, 9:15 • Sat: 1:15, 4:05, 6:40, 9:15  Sun: 1:15, 4:05, 6:40 • Mon- Wed: 6:40  Thurs: 6:45</p>
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## 5-Day Weather Summary


Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				
Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
31 / 19	23 / 13	31 / 23	37 / 31	36 / 29


### Sun and Moon

Today's sunset ..... 5:21 p.m.  
 Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 8:07 a.m.

  
 Last  
12/18

  
 New  
12/26

  
 First  
1/2


  
 Full  
1/10

### Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly sunny skies, high of 31°, humidity of 63%. West northwest wind 11 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 19°. West wind 10 to 13 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 9°. Wednesday, skies will be mostly sunny, high of 23°, humidity of 50%.

# New drug offers hope in Ebola-prone locations

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**TRAINING:** A native of Asheville, North Carolina, Young started his musical training on piano at the age of 3.

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have 60 to 70 people in front of you who are highly trained, highly educated and very talented they all have an opinion on how the music should be performed. Because they're all professionals."

Young said he believes the conductor should serve as the "lightning rod" of the orchestra.

"The conductor is someone who should ideally hold the organization together in a performance situation," he said. "There's a practical reason why I'm up there waving my arms, which is to yes, keep the

ensemble together, but there is also a higher level of artistic vision that ideally should be there and to motivate the musicians and enable them to do their job on the highest level."

Young said being a young conductor has encouraged him to remain humble while also leading. "Most of the musicians have played the piece more times than I've ever looked at it. So, you have to come into that rehearsal situation with that respect of the body of knowledge in front you," he said. "It's a great study in psychology. I like to tell people 90 percent of what I do is psychology, 10 percent is waving my arms."



Phillip A. Jackson

April 15, 1930 - Dec. 14, 2019

Phillip A. Jackson, 89 of Huntington passed away on Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019.

Phillip was a 1948 graduate of Huntington High School. He served in the United States Army from 1951 – 1953 in Alaska with the Post Engineer Group during the Korean War. He worked for 36 years as a materials planner for ITT Aerospace in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1992. Phillip enjoyed woodworking, making shelves and cabinets and also enjoyed doing yard work.

Private family visitation and funeral service.

Private family graveside service at Mt. Etna Cemetery in Huntington County.

Memorials: Alzheimer's Association in care of Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford Street, Huntington, Indiana 46750.

Guestbook: www.myers-funeralhomes.com.

Larry Joe Sumpter

Funeral Services for Larry Joe Sumpter, 79, of Wabash, were 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Josh Fennell officiated. Memories were shared by his granddaughter Alexandria Sumpter. Pall-

bearers were Jared Harner, Jeff Ecknote, John Proffitt, John Moore, Scott Laven-good and Rod Kelsheimer. Honorary pallbearers were Leon Kirk and Richard Kelsheimer. Burial was in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash.

John Edward Friend

Graveside services for John Edward Friend, 73, of rural Wabash, were 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019. Rev. Tim Prater officiated. Pallbearers were, John Edward Shankle and David Shankle, John Edward Friend II, Harold Krieg, J.R. Adkins, Dan-

iel Carson, Randall Hines and Mike Mueller. Burial was in Friends Cemetery, Wabash. Military honors were handled by the Wabash VFW Post 286 and the US Army honors team. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

PENDING SERVICES

**Elizabeth J. Figert:** 94, of Timbercrest Retirement Community, North Manchester died at 8:10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, 2019 at Timbercrest Healthcare. Services are pending at Grandstaff-Hentgen Bender Chapel, North Manchester.

**Barbara Hopkins:** 91, of North Manchester, died at 4:25 a.m. Monday, Dec. 16, 2019 at Autumn Ridge in Wabash. Services are pending at Grandstaff-Hentgen Bender Chapel, North Manchester.

Brenda L. Kendall

Jan. 23, 1939 - Dec. 12, 2019

Brenda L. Kendall, 80, of Warren, Indiana, formerly of Wabash, Indiana passed away at 10:05 AM on Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019 at Heritage Pointe in Warren.

She was born on Monday, Jan. 23, 1939, in Grant County, Indiana. She married Alton "Gene" Kendall on Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1960 in Plummer's Chapel in Huntington County; he passed away on Feb. 11, 2018. Brenda first started her working career at American Security in Marion in her early 20's, she then worked at General Tire in Wabash and retired from Larry Curless Tax Service in Wabash. She attended College Corner Brethren Church in Wabash. Brenda loved collecting dolls and had a beautiful assortment of dolls she collected over the years. She enjoyed puzzles, scrabble, dominos and playing hand & foot with her family and friends.

She will be sadly missed by her Son, Kelly (Bryon Johnmeyer) Kendall, Kansas City, Missouri; Daughter, Chris (Ernie) Ortiz, Fayette, Alabama; Grandchildren, Clark Ortiz, Heather Ortiz, Bailey (Alisha) Johnmeyer; Great Grandchildren, Clinton Eric and Elouise Mae Johnmeyer; Brothers, Kenneth R. Stanley, Wayne L. Stanley, Howard J. Stanley; and Sisters, Pat Furnish, Janet Daughterty, Mona Pinkerton, Catherine King, Evelyn Lindstrom, Mary Shaw and Rita Benefiel.



She was preceded in death by her Mother, Marie (Fey) Stanley; Father, Wilbur L. Stanley; Husband, Alton "Gene" Kendall; Brothers, Charles L., Richard "Dick" L. and Keith Stanley; and Sisters, Laura Smithley and Wilma Jean Dennis Pilgrim.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Heritage Pointe Applegate Chapel 801 Huntington Ave. Warren on Friday, Dec. 20, 2019 from 11:30 AM - 1 PM.

A service to celebrate Brenda's life will follow at 1 PM with Chaplain Gerald Moreland officiating. Interment will follow beside her husband in the Gardens of Memory in Marion.

Preferred memorials: College Corner Brethren Church, 8996 S. 500 W. Wabash, Indiana 46992.

Arrangements are being handled by Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren.

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Lobbyists, interest groups win big in \$1.4T spending bill

BY ANDREW TAYLOR  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House leaders on Monday unveiled a \$1.4 trillion government-wide spending bill that's also carrying lots of unrelated provisions backed by denizens of Washington's swamp of lobbyists and interest groups. A House vote is slated for Tuesday.

Retired coal miners and labor union opponents of Obama-era taxes on high-cost health plans came away with big wins in weekend negotiations by top congressional leaders and the Trump White House. The bill would also increase the age nationwide for purchasing tobacco products from 18 to 21, and offers with business-friendly provisions on export financing, flood insurance and immigrant workers.

The legislation would forestall a government shutdown this weekend and give President Donald Trump steady funding for his U.S.-Mexico border fence. The year-end package is anchored by a \$1.4 trillion spending measure that caps a difficult, months-long battle over spending priorities.

The roster of add-ons grew over the weekend to include permanent repeal of a tax on high-cost "Cadillac" health insurance benefits and finance health care and pension benefits for about 100,000 retired union coal miners threatened by the insolvency of their pension fund. A tax

on medical devices and health insurance plans would also be repealed permanently.

The deficit tab for the package grew as well — almost \$400 billion over 10 years to repeal the three so-called "Obamacare" taxes alone — with a companion package to extend several business-friendly tax breaks still under negotiation. The Obama-era taxes have previously been suspended on a piecemeal basis.

The late-stage negotiations involved House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and other top leaders on Capitol Hill. The package faces a House vote Tuesday with the Senate expected to vote by Thursday or Friday.

The legislation is laced with provisions reflecting divided power in Washington. Republicans maintained the status quo on several abortion-related battles and on funding for Trump's border wall. Democrats controlling the House succeeded in winning a 3.1 percent raise for federal civilian employees and the first installment of funding on gun violence research after more than two decades of gun lobby opposition.

The sweeping legislation, introduced as two packages for political and tactical purposes, is part of a major final burst of legislation that's passing Congress this week despite bitter partisan divisions and Wednesday's likely

impeachment of Trump. Thursday promises a vote on a major rewrite of the North American Free Trade Agreement, while the Senate is about to send Trump the annual defense policy bill for the 59th year in a row.

The core of the spending bill is formed by the 12 annual agency appropriations bills passed by Congress each year. It fills in the details of a bipartisan framework from July that delivered about \$100 billion in agency spending increases over the coming two years instead of automatic spending cuts that would have sharply slashed the Pentagon and domestic agencies.

The increase in the tobacco purchasing age to 21 also applies to e-cigarettes and vaping devices.

Other add-ons include a variety of provisions sought by business and labor interests and their lobbyists in Washington.

For business, there's a seven-year extension of the charter of the Export-Import Bank, which helps finance transactions benefiting U.S. exporters, as well as a renewal of the government's terrorism risk insurance program. The financially troubled government flood insurance program would be extended through September, as would several visa programs for both skilled and seasonal workers.

Labor won repeal of the so-called Cadillac tax, a 40% tax on high-cost employer health plans, which

was originally intended to curb rapidly growing health care spending. But it disproportionately affected high-end plans won under union contracts, and Democratic labor allies had previously succeeded in temporary repeals.

Democrats controlling the House won increased funding for early childhood education and a variety of other domestic programs. They also won higher Medicaid funding for the cash-poor government of Puerto Rico, which is struggling to recover from hurricane devastation and a resulting economic downturn.

While Republicans touted defense hikes and Democrats reeled off numerous increases for domestic programs, most of the provisions of the spending bill enjoy bipartisan support, including increases for medical research, combating the opioid epidemic, and Head Start and child-care grants to states.

Democrats also secured \$425 million for states to upgrade their election systems, and they boosted the U.S. Census budget \$1.4 billion above Trump's request. They won smaller increases for the Environmental Protection Agency, renewable energy programs and affordable housing.

"We are scaling up funding for priorities that will make our country safer and stronger and help hardworking families get ahead," said House Appropriations Committee

Chairwoman Nita Lowey, D-N.Y.

The outcome in the latest chapter in the longstanding battle over Trump's border wall awards Trump with \$1.4 billion for new barriers — equal to last year's appropriation — while preserving Trump's ability to use his budget powers to tap other accounts for several times that amount. That's a blow for liberal opponents of the wall but an acceptable trade-off for pragmatic-minded Democrats who wanted to gain increases for domestic programs and avert the threat of simply funding the government on autopilot.

Because dozens of Democrats might vote against the border wall, Pelosi is pairing money for the Department of Homeland Security with the almost \$700 billion Pentagon budget, which is guaranteed to win GOP votes to offset Democratic defections.

The coal miners' pension provision, opposed by House GOP conservatives like Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., had the backing of Trump and powerful Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky and Trump. Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W. Va., was a dogged force behind the scenes.

"Something had to be done and we finally got Mitch McConnell to sign onto the bill," Manchin said. "But we could not move McCarthy. Then finally we just had to move forward and they did it."

WEATHER

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in snowfall totals was caused by a process known as frontogenesis.

"It adds a little extraumph to the atmosphere so ... it's able to snow a little bit heavier," he said. "This process tends to happen over small, narrow areas. Wherever that process sets up it tends to be where we'll see the higher snowfalls."

**Looking ahead**

According to the NWS Hazardous Weather Outlook, snow chances were scheduled to increase again Monday night, especially along and south of a line from roughly Winamac to Fort Wayne to Ottawa, Ohio.

"An inch or 2 of snow accumulation is possible along this corridor, although additional accumulations over 2 inches are possible along and south of the Route 24 corridor across northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio," stated the alert.

Brown said the difference in snowfall totals would most likely be seen again in the region.

"We have a 70 percent chance of snow for you over the overnight hours," he said. "Wabash proper probably about 1 inch as far as snowfall totals go. When you get down toward Grant County, we'll be looking at a similar scenario in that maybe there's a snowfall amount closer to 3 inches in that area."

Brown said the forecast for the rest of the week and next week heading into Christmas would be cold, but dry.

"I don't have anything to speak of as far as a white Christmas goes. Things are looking dry even into Christmas Eve," he said.

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inspiration corner

Daily scripture

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy loving kindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.



Psalms 138:2

White House provides lifeline to U.S. ties with Saudi Arabia

Jared Kushner, President Trump's son-in-law and senior adviser, intervened to walk back some punitive provisions on Saudi Arabia in a defense bill Trump is expected to sign this week.

The removal of the Saudi provisions in the National Defense Authorization Act comes as the Pentagon reviews all US military foreign training programs following the murder of three American servicemen and wounding of eight others by a radicalized Saudi Air Force officer, Saeed Alshamrani at a US Air Force Foreign Military Sales training program at a naval base in Florida.

Saudi Arabia has made clear it will fully cooperate with the US investigation into the Pensacola murders, which the United States is labeling a terrorist incident. In a call with Trump, King Salman bin Abdul-Aziz Al Saud pledged the kingdom's full support in the investigation. Saudi Ambassador to the US Princess Reema bint Bandar Al Saud visited Pensacola this week to reinforce the kingdom's condolences and

condemnation of the attack, as well as the kingdom's cooperation in the investigation.

All this comes as the kingdom's regional initiatives show signs of a turnaround. While Qatar Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani did not attend the Gulf Cooperation Council summit last week, Prime Minister Abdullah bin Nasser Al Khalifa Al Thani did, and, according to reports, was received with respect and held a positive meeting with King Salman. Resolution of the dispute with Qatar will take time, but the prime minister's attendance at the summit, at the king's initiative, may have been an icebreaker.

On Yemen, the kingdom is pressing for a diplomatic solution, including a new approach to Houthi groups, which Iran has backed. "The progress in Saudi-Houthi dialogue has come as Saudi Deputy Defense Minister Khalid bin Salman Al Saud, the former Saudi ambassador to the United States and brother of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud, has taken the lead on the Ye-

men file, former diplomats and analysts told Al-Monitor," Laura Rozen writes. "Bin Salman – often referred to by his initials KBS – traveled to Oman two weeks ago, where he met with Oman's Sultan Qaboos, whose government has quietly tried to mediate between the Saudis and Iran, particularly on Yemen."

The Middle East is, for lack of a better term, on fire. The wars in Syria and Yemen continue; Iraq and Lebanon are shaken by protests; the Islamic State and al-Qaeda and its inheritors are regrouping; and Iran, which is agitating in both Baghdad and Beirut, and which attacked Aramco facilities in the kingdom Sept. 14, is reportedly placing ballistic missiles in Iraq that would threaten US allies and interests in the region. You can't champion the need for deepening alliances and place constraints on vital, if contentious, partners without some blowback for US national security. This is not an either/or argument, just an eyes-wide-open reminder.

A version of this editor was first published in Al-Monitor.



Slow growth, but not a recession in 2020

I released my 2020 economist forecast last week, projecting the U.S. economy to slow significantly next year. The model I use projects that annualized growth rates will slip from 1.9 percent in the first quarter of 2020 down to 1.7 percent by the year's end. Here in Indiana, my forecasting model has growth slowing to 1.6 percent in the first quarter and to 1.4 percent by the year's end.

Michael Hicks



This is agonizingly slow economic growth. Like most of the Midwest, Indiana's economy slowed through 2019 and is almost certain to end the year with fewer jobs than we had last January. This is not a nationwide recession, though it seems likely Indiana will continue to shed jobs through at least the summer of 2020.

My forecast is wrong, of course (as all forecasts inevitably are). However, in reviewing the direction of error, I find most of my mistakes are in the optimistic range. I certainly hope that changes, but right now little evidence suggests otherwise.

In thinking about our current economy, it is important to discuss the current policy environment. The Federal Reserve is busily engaged in a form of quantitative easing to the tune of close to \$400 billion. Interest rates are near historical lows and our federal deficit topped \$1.1 trillion last year. More pointedly, the farm bailout is now much larger than the auto bailout in the summer of 2009.

Taken altogether, it is a simple fact that our federal government is currently engaged in deeper eco-

nomics stimulus than we saw in the first year of the Obama Presidency. That was in the midst of the darkest days of the Great Recession. Whatever good we can note about our recent economic performance has to be calibrated against those facts.

There is a moral lesson here for many Hoosiers. If you were outraged by the Obama's Administration's stimulus and bailouts and are sympathetic to the worries of the Tea Party in 2009, you face a clear choice. Today, you must be either much more livid or have abandoned any appearance of personal integrity on these matters.

It is worse than run-of-the-mill intellectual dishonesty to compare unfavorably the Democrats and President Obama's bailouts of 2009 with the Republicans and President Trump today. The 2009 stimulus and bailouts occurred in the midst of the deepest economic crisis since the 1930s. Today's vast stimulus and bailout occurs at the tail end of the longest economic expansion in 175 years. The current fiscal environment is unsupportable.

In short, the 2019 and 2020 economies are sizing up to be the worst non-recession years in post-World War II history. They are going to be worse for manufacturing-intensive states. Right now, Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio and Illinois have fewer factory jobs than we started the year with. Some of this is doubtless due to a return to trend of declining manufacturing employment, but the trade war is most responsible for this downturn. But, there is also good news.

Wage growth, which has been very sluggish through the recovery, has been strong and growing for well over a year. The unemployment rate is well beneath the level most economists thought would cause rapid in-

flation, yet there is no evidence of inflationary pressures. Jobs across the nation are abundant; perhaps not great jobs, but jobs nonetheless. The strength of demand for workers spills over into other measures of labor market health.

The broadest measures of unemployment, which includes the underemployed and those who work sporadically, is down year-over-year. The size of the labor force is growing; up 1.6 million potential workers since 2018. Moreover, the employment-to-population ratio has nearly recovered to the peak of the early 2000s without accounting for baby boomer retirements.

These strong labor markets mean that consumers are still buying. Consumer spending doesn't cause economic growth, but it stabilizes an economy by giving confidence to businesses and investors. Even with a clear economic slowdown, people are buying homes, filling them with furniture, buying consumer electronics and otherwise translating the fruits of their labor into consumption.

For 2020, the job losses in manufacturing simply won't be enough to push our economy into a recession. But, in a world where fiscal and monetary stimuli are more akin to the Great Depression than a long recovery, and all the global ills surround an unpredictable and highly idiosyncratic trade war, forecasting certainty is hard to come by.

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Impeachment – at last?

Not to rain on the Democrats' impeachment parade, but you might want to grab an umbrella.

I'll be brief: President Trump will not be convicted by the U.S. Senate, and his positioning for reelection will have been strengthened by the process.

As even my blind dog knows, the House of Representatives on Tuesday announced

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two articles of impeachment against Trump – abuse of power and obstruction of Congress. Both of these accusations, according to Democrats, constitute an existential threat to the republic and raise the prospect that our three-pronged system of checks and balances hangs by a thread.

They have a point.

Donald Trump abuses power with the frequency of Florida showers. And he did ignore House committee subpoenas for documents and witnesses, which sort of seems like obstruction. On the other hand, the White House considers the impeachment process a sham and, therefore, posits that the administration needn't comply.

The reasons for the Senate's likely resistance, meanwhile, are timeless – survival and power. No matter how much some Republicans may disagree with Trump's methods, his style and his atrocious rhetoric – a daily slaughter of the English language heretofore confined to kindergartens and saloons – the GOP's base is unbudgeable. My grudging suspicion is that, thanks to the Democrats, that base will expand.

As a compulsive interviewer, I talk to dozens of random people on a given day. Moreover, I happen to live amongst the indigenous peoples, if I may be humorous for a moment. That is, my daily life in the South involves what Beltway people refer to as "everyday Americans," that is, folks who don't regularly hop the Acela between Washington and New York or call themselves political junkies.

From self-identified Republicans, I hear: They're wasting their time, speaking of the impeachment. And from Democrats: He's going to win in a landslide, isn't he?

From such conversations, I've gleaned that though some Republicans don't like the cut of Trump's jib, they long ago surrendered any hope of being reminded of George H.W. Bush or Ronald Reagan. Elegance, apparently, can be sacrificed for a strong economy, record-low unemployment, briskly moving business, a tough immigration policy and, not least, a president who finally stands up to China.

But another factor favors Trump and this, perhaps, is how he wins. At a certain point during an impeachment proceeding, there's no one left to like. Inevitably, the least likable person isn't the target of impeachment but those who lead the effort. After slogging through the vile details of Bill Clinton's affairs, it didn't take long for independent counsel Ken Starr to be viewed as the villain for making us look. That was his job, of course, but I well remember the night in my kitchen when my husband, who was not a Clinton supporter, commented upon hearing the latest, lurid development, "I'm beginning to feel sorry for Clinton." Ultimately, Clinton was impeached by the House but acquitted by the Senate – and probably would have been reelected were third terms allowed.

Impeaching Trump could have a similar effect. When people examine the lineup of the president's congressional prosecutors – Mother Superior Nancy Pelosi, the prim and pursed-lipped Adam Schiff, and grumpy scold-meister Jerry Nadler – it's easy to imagine why some might rather take their chances with a player like Trump. Remember, life is a continuation of high school, and Congress is just one big gymnasium.

This isn't to say that Republicans emerge as valiant crusaders for the moral good. Both sides have behaved poorly and "winning," alas, isn't an option. We're all gritting our teeth through nothing less than a trial of our system of government. But, for reasons as much psychological as political, Trump is going to survive impeachment – and he'll be stronger for it.

The Donald is many things, but he's plainly not smart enough to pull off a proper conspiracy. What kind of self-respecting villain asks a foreign leader for an investigation into his political opponent and then says, OK, just pretend and announce that you're investigating?

The president is smart enough, however, to flip this impeachment against the Democrats as yet another witch hunt by a bunch of scoundrels, liars and thieves. All Trump needs is a fresh slogan and a new cap – and we can be sure they're coming.

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# The joys of a ‘no-gift’ Christmas

If people tell you, “No gifts, please,” should you trust that they mean what they say?

Usually, alas, the answer is “no.”

This has probably happened to you, right?

Everyone in your family or friend group agrees that they won’t exchange gifts for Christmas. It’s a joint effort to recognize that some folks are trying to get out of debt, save more or just stop the madness of the annual tradition of conspicuous consumption.

You breathe a sigh of relief. You can enjoy the holiday season without worrying about buying so much.

But then on Christmas day or at the holiday party, when you gather for fellowship, out come the gifts. Now you feel bad because you can’t reciprocate. The “no gift” contract was broken by the gift-giver, but you feel guilty.

“Some (people) just can’t seem to fully comprehend that ‘no gifts’ means exactly that: no gifts,” wrote one reader.

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“That means no crafty handmade thing, no donation to anything in your name and no handwritten promise to babysit or to rake leaves. And no half-finished knitting project with a projected date of completion. Stop this insanity! We are completely lost and awash in excess junk already.”

This person perfectly articulated my annoyance with the ignored agreement that exchanging gifts isn’t wanted or needed. And this doesn’t just happen during the holidays.

A betrothed couple may

send out their wedding invitations urging guests not to feel obligated to bring gifts. Except, in the same announcement, they recommend that you contribute to their favorite charity – this is still a gift!

Or, parents hosting a birthday party for their child might say, “Oh, don’t bother buying Billy a present.” However, they follow up with, “But we are asking people to bring a toy or book that we can donate.” The guests don’t want to show up with some sticky-paged book or toy, so they end up purchasing something new anyway.

Perhaps you are the spouse who stresses out your husband – or wife – by saying, “Honey, you don’t have to buy me a gift. Your love is enough.”

Then, you have the nerve to be indignant or hurt when he takes you at your word.

“When I said no gifts, I

didn’t mean nothing,” you complain.

This is why people don’t believe you when you say, “No gifts.”

So the merry-go-round of gift giving continues. You can’t get off this ride because you fear that doing so might label you a miser or thoughtless.

“Giving doesn’t have to be material gifts,” one reader argued. “A gift can be a loving message in a card, a date for a cup of coffee and conversation, an afternoon of chores, or an endless list of priceless crafts, etc.”

Another person wrote: “The best gift my son could give me is to come over and do yard work.”

All of these suggestions to seemingly relieve people of buying something still require gifts of time and/or money – even if it’s just a \$5 cup of coffee or greeting card. Homemade crafts

often result in the need to purchase materials.

“I remember when Christmas meant joining together with family and friends for dinner and celebration,” another reader wrote. “It has become a nightmare of consumerism, fights in stores for discounted items and endless debt. I don’t buy any gifts for Christmas, nor do I expect any because the fact that my loved ones are well is gift enough for me.”

So, how can we all stop the subterfuge around no-gift requests? Here’s how.

■ Mean what you say. If you tell people that no presents are required, do not suggest any gift alternatives.

■ Don’t contribute to the confusion. If you want a gift, don’t pretend that you don’t. False modesty is frustrating and deceptive.

■ Don’t press people. I’ve been trying to end the practice myself of repeatedly

asking folks, “Are you sure you don’t want anything?” It comes from the feeling that you can’t show up at a party or celebration without a present. However, pushing the issue often results in folks abandoning their no-gift policy just to stop your pestering.

■ Don’t gush over a gift at the gathering. People who ignore the no-gift wish should not be rewarded with public adulation, which will no doubt make others feel bad.

■ Don’t feel guilty when others ignore the appeal. This is a hard one. However, you must keep in mind that the folks showing up with gifts are the impolite ones.

To be clear, I’m not advocating that everyone should stop being generous. There is certainly a lot of joy in giving and receiving. Yet, there are times when people really just want to enjoy your presence.

# Stocks rise on Wall Street as rally stretches to fourth day

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Stocks closed broadly higher on Wall Street Monday, extending the market’s gains from last week and sending the major indexes to record highs.

The S&P 500 and Nasdaq notched all-time highs for the third straight trading day. The Dow Jones Industrial Average bested its last record high set in late November.

Surprisingly strong economic reports out of China helped drive the rally. Growth in factory activity and retail sales in the world’s second-largest economy beat analysts’ expectations last month.

The economic reports gave investors more reason for encouragement. The market got a big confidence boost late last week after the United States and China reached a long-awaited “Phase 1” trade deal. The trade pact removed some of the uncertainty that’s

hung over businesses and investors.

“What’s important about it is that we’re not witnessing an acceleration in the trade war,” said Quincy Krosby, chief market strategist at Prudential Financial. “Right now, what the market is looking at is the possibility that we go into 2020 and we actually see global growth beginning to emerge, even if it’s not immediate.”

The S&P 500 rose 22.65 points, or 0.7 percent, to 3,191.45. The benchmark index is on a four-day winning streak.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 100.51 points, or 0.4 percent, to 28,235.89. The Nasdaq composite climbed 79.35 points, or 0.9 percent, to 8,814.23.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller company stocks picked up 11.96 points, or 0.7 percent, to 1,649.94.

European markets closed broadly higher. Asian markets were mixed.

Monday’s wave of buying was broad, with roughly 85 percent of the stocks in the S&P 500 rising. The benchmark index capped last week with its third straight weekly gain as optimism over the U.S.-China trade deal put investors in a buying mood.

With less than three weeks left in 2019, the benchmark index is up 27.3 percent for the year.

Wall Street’s latest gains followed a rally in global stocks as traders welcomed news that China’s industrial production rose 6.2 percent in November from a year earlier. Meanwhile, retail sales growth rose to a five-month high of 8 percent from October’s 7.2 percent.

“With some trade uncertainty removed last week, investors should start feeling more confident that China will be able to keep their economy growing at 6 percent or better in 2020,” said Edward Moya, economist with Oanda.

The U.S. and China agreed last week to cut tariffs on some of each others’ goods and postpone other tariff threats, the first time the two countries have stepped back from the brink in their 17-month trade fight.

In return, China promised to ramp up its purchases of U.S. agricultural, energy and other goods and to stop forcing U.S. companies to turn over technology as a condition of doing business in that country.

The interim trade deal is one of a “trifecta of positive catalysts” that swept through the market last week and could help support it through the end of the year, Morgan Stanley strategists wrote in a research note. The others are a Federal Reserve that appears committed to keeping interest rates low and the potential for an orderly exit by the United Kingdom from the European Union following last week’s U.K. elections.

# Planning to make financial resolutions for the New Year? Here are six books you need to read in 2020

**BY MICHELLE SINGLETARY**

You’re already promising yourself that 2020 is the year of financial freedom.

But where do you start to help your New Year’s resolutions stick?

When it comes to your personal finances, reading is fundamental.

So, instead of one pick for this month’s Color of Money book club, I’d like to recommend six books you should read if you’re planning to make some resolutions about your money.

This is by no means a definitive list. It’s just a way to jump-start your journey to fixing your finances or provide inspiration so that you can make better choices.

**Let’s start with two books I recommend for everyone:**

■ “The Millionaire Next Door: The Surprising Secrets of America’s Wealth” by Thomas J. Stanley and William D. Danko.

The life of the rich and famous you see on social media doesn’t reflect the everyday millionaire who may be sitting in the next cubicle.

The number of employees able to reach millionaire status in their workplace retirement plans has hit record levels, according to Fidelity Investments. And these aren’t people running in the social circles of the Kardashian clan, who are known for their conspicuous consumption.

You don’t have to win on a game show or hit the lot-

tery to join the millionaire club. Many people simply work and invest their money over two or three decades to achieve a net worth with two commas.

In this book, first published 23 years ago, two academics used lots of research to redefine what it means to be wealthy. The Great Recession pulled the curtain back, exposing a lot of rich pretenders. These folks had a lot of stuff, including highly mortgaged homes, but little to no savings.

“Most people have it all wrong about wealth in America,” Danko and Stanley write. “Wealth is not the same as income. If you make a good income each year and spend it all, you are not getting wealthier. You are just living high. Wealth is what you accumulate, not what you spend.”

■ “Your Money or Your Life: 9 Steps to Transforming Your Relationship with Money and Achieving Financial Independence” by Vicki Robin and Joe Dominguez.

This book asks a terrific question: How much money do you really need to feel rich?

To be liberated from the “work-and-spend treadmill” the authors argue that financial independence starts with getting rid of the illusion that more stuff will make you happy.

“This program works for anyone who earns or spends

money – not because anyone can be rich, but because everyone can discover for themselves how much is enough.” Robin writes in the latest edition of this book, which was first published in 1992.

**If you’re a young adult:**

■ “Get a Financial Life: Personal Finance in Your Twenties and Thirties” by Beth Koblin is a great guide for financial rookies, covering everything from dealing with debt to basic banking and investing.

**For those stressing about paying for college – most likely with loans:**

■ “Where You Go is Not Who You’ll Be: An Antidote to the College Admissions Mania” by Frank Bruni. Before you commit to decades of student loans, get this book. Bruni brings sanity to a college selection process that has become insane.

“The nature of a student’s college experience – the work that he or she puts into it, the skills that he or she picks up, the self-examination that’s undertaken, the resourcefulness that’s honed – matters more than the name of the institution,” he writes.

**If you’re a natural-born spender, here are two books that should help break that stranglehold:**

■ “Dollars and Sense: How We Misthink Money and How to Spend Smarter” by Dan Ariely and Jeff Kreisler. The authors take behavioral economics and make it accessible.

There are a lot of mind games that savvy businesses play with consumers. For example, retailers exploit Americans’ love affair with sales. However, you never save when you spend.

“Buying a \$60 shirt marked down from \$100 isn’t ‘saving \$40,’” Ariely and Kreisler write. “It is spending \$60. Discounts are a potion for stupidity. They simply dumb down our decision-making process.”

**If you want to spend less next holiday season:**

■ “Hundred Dollar Holiday: The Case for a More Joyful Christmas” by Bill McKibben. “The point is not to stop giving,” the author says. “The point is to give the things that matter. Give things that are rare – time, attention, memory, whimsy. We run short on these things in our lives, even as we have an endless supply of software, hardware, ready-to-wear.”

If your goal is better money management in 2020, these books will help you become more mindful about the financial decisions you make.

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# State accepting nominations for Governor’s Century, Half Century Business awards

## Honors recognize lasting Hoosier businesses

**STAFF REPORT**

The state of Indiana is currently accepting nominations for the Governor’s Century and Half Century Business Awards, which honor Hoosier businesses that have remained in operation for at least 100 or 50 years, respectively, and have demonstrated a commitment to serving the community, according to a press release.

Award winners will be recognized at a ceremony at the Indiana Statehouse in the spring.

Applications are due by Feb. 10, 2020.

Qualifying criteria are as follows:

■ The business must have had continuous operations in Indiana for more than 50 or 100 years by Dec. 31.

■ The business must have participated in the same line of work for the duration of its operations. If different, an explanation of the evolution into the current business must be provided on the nomination form.

■ The business must

have had its base in the state of Indiana since it was founded.

■ The business must recognize, acknowledge and agree that it is in full compliance with the Indiana Secretary of State, Department of Revenue and the Department of Workforce Development by signing the application.

■ The business must not have previously received a Century or Half Century award from the state of Indiana. Previous Half Century award recipients may qualify for a Century award.

■ Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Due diligence and application acceptance begin in January 2020.

Eligible companies are encouraged to complete the online application at <https://tinyurl.com/r4zb3rs>. For more information, visit the Indiana Economic Development Corporation at <https://www.iedc.in.gov/programs/century-and-half-century-awards/home>.

# FFW, Crossroads Bank appoint new board member

## Gary Larson appointed earlier this month

**STAFF REPORT**

FFW Corporation and Crossroads Bank have announced the appointment of Gary Larson to their board of directors, according to a press release earlier this month.

Larson currently serves as CFO and corporate secretary at The Ford Meter Box Company. In his role at Ford, he is responsible for financial reporting, treasury operations, risk management, internal audit, corporate development and a variety of corporate and shareholder mat-

ters. Throughout his career, Larson has held a variety of management positions at Dover Corporation, Hillenbrand Industries, United Technologies and PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Larson is a 1982 graduate of Delta State University in Cleveland, Mississippi and is a Certified Public Accountant.

In addition to a member of the board of directors of Ford Meter Box, Larson also sits on the boards of The ARC of Wabash County and Grow Wabash County, and also serves as Treasurer for Grow Wabash County.

Gary Larson, and his wife, Nan, reside in rural Miami County and have four grown children.



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**Area Calendar**  
**Girls basketball**  
Manchester vs. Fort Wayne Luers, 7:30 p.m.; Southwood at Bluffton, 7:30 p.m.; Wabash vs. Oak Hill, 7:30 p.m.  
**Boys basketball**  
Northfield at Southern Wells, 7:30 p.m.  
**Wrestling**  
Manchester vs. Lewis Cass, 6 p.m.; Southwood vs. Tippecanoe Valley, 6 p.m.  
**Swimming**  
Wabash vs. Adams Central and Bluffton, 5:30 p.m.

**Knights fall to Eastern at home**  
Southwood's boys' basketball team fell to Eastern at home on Saturday, 59-54. Carson Rich had 14 points, Jackson Simons had 13 and Gabe Lloyd and Connor Rich had seven apiece.

**Squires split weekend doubleheader**

The Manchester girls' basketball team opened the weekend with a 47-26 win at Whitko. Emma Garriott finished with 15 points to lead the charge. On Saturday, the Squires fell at home to Carroll, 35-24. Bailey Mooney and Kiera Hatfield each had four points to lead Manchester.

**Southwood travels to Western Invite**

The Southwood wrestling team took part in the Western Invitational on Saturday, placing seventh as a team. Micah Dale finished fourth at 285 pounds as the top finisher for the Knights. Elijah Staggs (132 lbs.), Bryce Wyatt (182 lbs.) and Memphis Hiner (195 lbs.) all placed fifth.

**Squires take home Caston Invite title**

At the Caston Invitational on Saturday, the Manchester wrestling team crowned seven champions and took home the team trophy with a 5-0 record. Champions on the day were Brock Casper at 113 pounds, Elijah Burlingame at 132 pounds, Dylan Stroud at 138 pounds, Jordan Ayres at 160 pounds, Ashton Moore at 195 pounds, Trevor Dill at 220 pounds and Bryce Kamphues at 285 pounds. Elsewhere on Saturday, Haley Clifford took first at the inaugural Lebanon Girls' Wrestling Tournament in the 120 pounds class.

**Apaches place third at Western Invite**

Wabash's wrestling team placed third at the Western Invitational on Saturday. Jared Brooks and Ethan Higgins each won individual titles on the day while Anthony Long, Braden Brooks, Grant Carandante, Chad Wyatt, Jr. and Grant War-muth all were runner-ups.

**Wabash opens TRC play with win**

The Wabash boys' basketball team earned a 74-57 win over Maconaquah on Friday. Jasper Walter had 19 points in the win. Trenton Daughtry added 17 points, eight assists and five rebounds while Elijah Vander Velden had 16 points and 14 rebounds.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL



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**CHASE:** Southwood's MaKenna Pace (left) and Northfield's Addi Baker (right) chase down a loose ball during the first half of Friday's game.

Norse outlast Knights in defensive battle

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Progress is not always linear nor does it always show its in the form of victories. So while the Southwood girls' basketball team ended its week 0-2, progress was certainly evident. After a narrow loss to Mississinewa in a game the Knights led by double-digits on Wednesday, Southwood returned to the court and gave the defending confer-

ence champions Northfield its toughest conference clash of the season. The Norse led from early in the second period on but would not pull away from the Knights until late in the fourth as the Knights scrapped and clawed before succumbing to Northfield, 44-36. For Knight head coach Chad West, seeing his side put together back-to-back strong performances was one of the biggest takeaways of the

night. "...We've, historically, struggled over the last couple years where we'll play really well against a quality opponent and after maybe just one or no days rest, it's a letdown," he said. "(I'm pleased) to come back and give the same effort, because really our defense kept us in it." Neither side could find an offensive rhythm on the evening and the Knights took advantage of the ugly affair,

leading 8-6 after one period. Addi Baker's and-one to open the second period gave Northfield a lead but Sydney Helfin answered with a basket on the other end. A pair of free throws from Addy Rosen gave Northfield an 11-10 lead, one they wouldn't relinquish the rest of the night. The Norse would eventually close the half by scoring five of the final six  
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**DEFENSE:** Wabash's Alivia Short (left) and Mariah Wyatt (right) defend Rochester's Kensey McKee (center) during the first half of Saturday's contest.

Zebras dominate glass, Apaches in win

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Wabash's girls' basketball team has made a habit this season of dominating opponents on the glass, no matter the size of the foe. On Saturday, the script was flipped on the Apaches. Rochester out-rebounded Wabash 40-23, pulled down 20 offensive rebounds and gave the host Apaches a taste of their own medicine, earning a 44-36 win on the night. "It was the difference," Wabash head coach Matt Stone said of the rebounding battle. "That and we got in foul trouble. Our best two players were in foul trouble and theirs weren't. But, I mean, really, if we rebound, it's a different game. I thought we did a nice job of getting back into it and getting after it. But then, when (Alivia Short) and Mariah (Wyatt) are in foul trouble, it's hard to do. And then they both foul out and it's really hard to do."

Little separated the two sides in the first half as neither side held a lead larger than five points. That pattern held true in the start of the third quarter before the Zebras started connecting from range. A side that came into the contest shooting just 22 percent from three, Rochester connected on consecutive three-pointers from Maci Brown and Emma Howdeshell to turn a 30-28 deficit into a 34-30 lead, their biggest of the night. Mariah Wyatt stymied the run with a layup but five-straight points from Brown, including another three-pointer, lengthened the lead to 39-32, a margin that would hold until the quarter break. Wabash slowly chipped away at the lead largely behind Wyatt and Alivia Short, though it was a free throw from Linda Cordes that closed the gap to 46-41.  
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Hot-shooting Norse fall to Tigers

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PERU – In only the third TRC boys' basketball game of the 2019-20 season, Northfield trekked west to the Tig-Arena to face Peru Saturday night. The game pitted the slashing Tiger offense against the sharpshooting Norse and once the dust settled, it was the hosts' work at the free throw line, going 27-of-37, that outdid the 16 threes of the visitors in a 78-69 win. Northfield head coach Rick Brewer, despite the loss, saw numerous positives on the night. "We were 16-of-32 from three and we're excited by the way we shot the ball,"

Brewer said. "The Norsemen are coming. We're seeing great improvement and if this doesn't get people excited to watch them play, I don't know what will." Northfield gave an inkling of what the night would be as Dillon Tomlinson and Jarret Shafer notched early threes to give the visitors a 6-2 lead. Peru would tie the game after back-to-back baskets from Kade Townsend and took the lead at 11-10 on a Townsend three. Michael Chandler hit back-to-back threes for the hosts to push the lead out to 17-10 but the Norsemen answered as Clayton Tomlinson and Jayden Peas canned triples to cut the lead to one at 17-16.

Braden Ripplinger was dinged for a foul and technical foul with a minute to play on the same play, sending Chandler to the line where the senior hit 3-of-4 free throws, followed by a short jumper on the following play. Clayton Tomlinson halved the deficit going into the second quarter with a late three that made it 22-19 Tigers after a quarter of play. Daunte Majors started the second quarter with a pair of drives to the basket, one resulting in a layup and the other two free throws for a 26-19 lead. Clayton Tomlinson got three points back on a three while Shafer answered a Treyden Curtis drive and Majors free throw with an-

other three to keep things close at 29-25. Chandler hit a three of his own while Pete Polk scored from close range to open up a nine-point gap. A crucial moment came when Clayton Tomlinson picked up his third foul with 3:28 remaining in the half, limiting the junior to just a few seconds of play the rest of the half. Polk scored on a putback to stretch the lead to double-digits for the first time at 36-25 but Dillon Tomlinson fired back with a pair of triples to halve the deficit at 36-31. Chandler added six more points down the stretch and Peru briefly held a 10-point

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Squires fall to Vikings in game of runs

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Defined by huge runs all throughout the night, Saturday's contest between the Huntington North and Manchester boys basketball teams went down to the wire, with the Vikings holding on for an exciting 60-54 win over the visiting Squires. The victory improved Huntington North's record to 2-3 while Manchester dropped to 3-2. Prior to the opening tip, a presentation was made to officially announce the Robert M. "Bob" Straight Memorial Endowed Scholarship. The scholarship's committee, represented by Doug Ware, presented the Huntington County Community Foundation with a check for \$370,000 to honor the Huntington basketball icon. Once the game began, the hosts would claim the first run of the night, storming out to a 6-0 lead 3:19 into play. But, a timeout by the Squires allowed the guests to settle down, as Manchester responded with a 13-4 stretch the rest of the frame to take a 13-10 advantage into the second quarter. The hometown Vikes would again come out of the gate hot, this time stringing together an 11-3 run to start the second quarter, highlighted by a pair of deep balls from Jake Collins, putting Huntington North back on top at 21-16. Manchester would stop the bleeding and outplayed the Vikings through the rest of the period, outscoring Huntington North 12-5 to carry a narrow 28-26 edge into the locker room. Yet again, the hosts would open the third quarter on a tear, as their 16-6 run in the first 5:45 of play established a 42-34 Huntington North lead. This time, though, there would be no answer from the Squires, as the Vikings held a 47-39 advantage at the end of the third quarter. Manchester would narrow the gap to just three points with 5:22 left at 47-44 thanks to a 5-0 streak to open the fourth quarter, but Huntington North would put its foot down with a 7-0 run over the next 2:17 in response to establish a 10-point gap at 54-44. The Squires managed to put together another 5-0 run late to make things interesting, but the effort was too little, too late, as the Vikings escaped with a 60-54 decision when the final seconds ticked off the clock. "I just thought we played a little more aggressive tonight (and did not) step back on our heels like we had the first couple games," said Huntington North head coach Craig Teagle. "(I am) pretty proud of them. ... Hopefully (this win) is a confidence builder for our kids and they start feeling better about themselves." Despite the Vikings holding on for the victory, Teagle noted Manchester made things difficult all night long and the outcome easily could have been different. "Manchester is a good team," Teagle said. "They wouldn't go away. Every time we'd get out (ahead), I think we stretched it to 10, next thing you know it's  
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# ZEBRAS

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But the final blows for Wabash came in a 51-second span. Short would foul out at the 3:42 mark. Wyatt came in for her low-post counterpart but would foul out herself at the 2:53 mark.

Without its two leading scorers, the Apache offense was rudderless and the Zebras won going away, scoring the final four points of the game at the line.

“It’s no secret who we want to get the ball to,” Stone said. “But, we also want to get some transition and we didn’t get as much as we like because we kept giving up offensive rebounds. It’s hard to get in transition when you don’t rebound.”

The Apaches were the aggressors in the first half and held the lead for the vast majority of the opening 12 minutes. Short scored seven of the host’s 12 points in the first and helped Wabash out to an early 8-3 lead. Turnovers, a bugaboo for Wabash all season long, kept the Apaches from extending the lead and allowed the Zebras to keep themselves in the game.

Twice, the Apaches built five-point advantages only to see Rochester come back and either tie the game or take the

lead on both occasions. The early 8-3 lead gave way to an 8-8 game before Wabash scored the final four points of the frame.

Cordes and Rylee Yoakum gave Wabash a 16-11 edge in the second only for the Zebras to score seven unanswered to take a lead on a pair of free throws from Howdeshell. Short provided the spark for Wabash, converting back-to-back field goals to give Wabash a 20-17 lead again.

Baskets from Millie Scorsone Emily Hughes gave Rochester a one-point lead once again but Yoakum scored to end the half and send the Apaches into the locker room up 22-21 to end the back-and-forth second quarter.

“I think we had us for 18 turnovers,” Stone said. “It’s ok, I guess. We’ve had worse. But I still thought there were too many unforced ones where we do silly stuff. That’s little stuff our young kids have to quit doing. But, that’s probably the next best team in the sectional. We know what we have to do if we want to win in February. We’re going to have to rebound.”

Short had 14 points and Wyatt 10 as the duo combined for over half of Wabash’s total. But Brown finished with

a game-high 20 points while Hughes had eight and Kaitlin Rogers and Howdeshell had seven apiece.

The loss wasn’t the only blow for the Apaches on the week as the team lost guard Nici Gunderman for the season to an injury. Gunderman was one of only two guards with varsity experience returning on the season. In her absence, freshmen Libby Mattern and Rylee Yoakum saw even more minutes on the court Saturday, a trend that will only continue this season.

“For the most part, I don’t think they played scared,” Stone said of his freshmen. “But they have to learn to clean up some of that little stuff that they do that they did in eighth grade. They used to be able to throw those lob passes and get away with it. You can’t do that anymore. Like I said, they don’t play with fear. I’m not worried about that. I think they have to learn in their head that this is a little faster and a little quicker and better athletes and some of those things they’re doing here in game 10, they have to stop that. As soon as they do that, they’re going to be fine.”

Wabash falls to 5-5 with the loss and 0-2 in the conference. The Apaches host Oak Hill on Tuesday.

## SCOREBOARD

### HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

The Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association Top 10 basketball teams, with first-place votes in parentheses and previous rankings:

Class 4A	W-L	Pts	Prv
1. Lawrence North (3)	14-0	88	2
2. Northwestern (5)	11-0	85	1
3. Crown Point (1)	13-0	79	3
4. Fishers	12-0	63	5
5. Homestead	8-1	54	4
6. Hamilton Southeastern	10-1	48	6
7. Penn	11-0	42	7
8. Center Grove	9-1	41	8
9. Noblesville	9-3	13	NR
(tie) Jeffersonville	10-2	13	9
Others receiving votes: Northridge, West Lafayette Harrison, Brownsburg, Mt Vernon Fortville, Fort Wayne South, Martinsville.			

Class 3A	W-L	Pts	Prv
1. Benton Central (7)	10-1	114	3
2. Winchester (2)	9-0	98	4
3. Salem (1)	8-1	79	1
4. Evansville Memorial	6-1	68	5
5. Silver Creek	9-1	64	T6
6. Gibson Southern	8-2	58	2
7. Danville	8-1	51	8
8. Greensburg	9-1	31	9
9. Northwell	7-3	27	T6
10. Brownstown	8-1	18	NR
Others receiving votes: Northwood, Heritage Christian, Vincennes Lincoln, Angola, Hamilton Heights, Mishawaka Marian, North Harrison, Fort Wayne Concordia, Brown County, Knox, Indianapolis Bishop Chatard.			

Class 2A	W-L	Pts	Prv
1. Triton Central (9)	11-0	106	1
2. University (1)	11-0	91	2
3. Vincennes Rivet	8-1	79	3
4. Shenandoah	10-0	66	4
5. Linton-Stockton	9-2	54	5
6. S. Knox	9-2	32	7
7. Crawford Co.	10-3	28	9
8. N. Judson	8-2	25	8
9. Westville	11-1	22	6
10. Monroe Central	5-3	12	10
(tie) Lapel	8-2	12	NR
Others receiving votes: Eastern Pekin, Clinton Prairie, Lafayette Central Catholic, Forest Park, Union County, Rensselaer Central, Providence, Bremen, South Central Union Mills.			

Class A	W-L	Pts	Prv
1. Loogootee (8)	8-1	102	1
2. Trinity Lutheran	9-1	91	4
3. Jac-Cen-Del	9-1	83	3
4. Tecumseh	7-2	80	5
5. Oregon-Davis	8-2	12	2
6. Morgan Twp.	7-2	65	6
7. Lanesville	12-2	39	7
8. Greenwood Christian	7-2	33	9
9. Union City	8-2	15	NR
10. Pioneer	6-2	11	8
Others receiving votes: Orleans, Bethesda Christian, North White, Springs Valley, Kouts, Northfield.			

### Indiana boys basketball how they fared

Class 4A
1. Lawrence Central (2-1) lost to Lawrence North 83-73.
2. Bloomington South (5-0) beat Southport 61-46, beat Culver Academy 44-38.
3. Lawrence North (4-0) beat Lawrence Central 83-73, beat Brownsburg 62-48.
4. Brownsburg (5-1) lost to Lawrence North 62-48, beat Heritage Hills 72-54.
5. Lafayette Jeff (5-0) beat Harrison (West Lafayette) 62-48.
6. Warren Central (3-0) beat Indpls Cathedral 60-55.
7. Culver Academy (4-2) lost to Zionsville 36-32, lost to Bloomington South 44-38.
8. Jeffersonville (2-2) beat Seymour 56-40, lost to Scott County, KY 77-72.
9. Floyd Central (5-0) beat New Albany 52-48.
10. Indpls Cathedral (2-1) lost to Warren Central 60-55.

Class 3A
1. Silver Creek (5-0) beat North Harrison 55-47, beat Ft. Wayne Blackhawk 78-74.
2. Heritage Hills (3-1) beat Ev. Bosse 82-68, beat North Posey 75-67, OT, lost to Brownsburg 72-54.
3. Greensburg (2-1) beat N. Decatur 65-60, lost to Southport 62-58.
4. Ev. Bosse (2-1) lost to Heritage Hills 82-68, beat Princeton 51-49.
5. Princeton (3-1) lost to Ev. Bosse 51-49.
6. Danville (6-0) beat Southmont 84-45, beat Cascade 85-40.
(tie) Indpls Breubreuf (3-1) beat Indpls Shortridge 59-46.
8. S. Bend St. Joseph's (4-1) beat S. Bend Riley 70-57, beat Bremen 78-34, lost to Goshen 55-50.
9. Northwestern (5-1) beat Taylor 60-42, lost to Lafayette Central Catholic 55-37.
10. Delta (4-1) beat Yorktown 62-42, beat Hamilton Heights 44-26.

Class 2A
1. Linton-Stockton (4-0) beat Owen Valley 73-56.
2. Shenandoah (3-1) lost to Fishers 50-48.
3. Ft. Wayne Blackhawk (3-1) beat Elkhart Christian 74-37, lost to Silver Creek 78-74.
4. Blackford (4-0) beat Alexandria 98-85.
5. Southwestern (Jefferson) (5-2) beat New Washington 56-53, lost to Thurgood Marshall, Ohio 82-70.
6. Prairie Hts. (6-0) beat Elkhart Christian 62-60, beat Eastside 50-37.
7. Tipton (6-0) beat Elwood 76-28, beat Western 62-48, beat Sheridan 90-49.
8. Indpls Park Tudor (3-2) beat Heritage Christian 71-38, lost to Beech Grove 59-57.
9. Westview (2-2) lost to NorthWood 66-53, beat Central Noble 68-57.
10. Andean (2-3) lost to Michigan City 64-56, beat Merrillville 69-63.

Class 1A
1. Gary 21st Century (6-0) beat Griffith

### Men's AP Top 25 poll

First-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 15, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Kansas (47)	9-1	1607	2
2. Gonzaga (15)	11-1	1552	6
3. Louisville (1)	10-1	1412	1
4. Duke (2)	9-1	1387	7
5. Ohio St.	9-1	1334	3
6. Kentucky	8-1	1231	8
7. Maryland	10-1	1207	4
8. Oregon	8-2	1172	10
9. Virginia	8-1	1121	9
10. Baylor	8-1	1062	11
11. Memphis	9-1	960	13
12. Auburn	9-0	939	12
13. Dayton	8-1	879	14
14. Michigan	8-3	723	5
15. Michigan St.	7-3	656	16
16. Arizona	10-2	631	15
17. Butler	10-1	553	18
18. Villanova	8-2	496	20
19. Florida St.	8-2	449	21
20. San Diego St.	10-0	431	25
21. Tennessee	7-2	367	19
22. Washington	7-2	213	—
23. Penn St.	9-2	182	—
24. Texas Tech	6-3	115	—
25. West Virginia	9-1	76	—
Others receiving votes: North Carolina 41, Xavier 40, Iowa 39, Wichita St. 31, Purdue 30, Liberty 25, Marquette 23, Indiana 23, VCU 21, Utah St. 14, Saint Mary's (Cal) 13, N. Iowa 12, Colorado 12, Texas 10, Florida 7, DePaul 6, Georgetown 3, Richmond 3, Virginia Tech 3, LSU 3, Stanford 3, Seton Hall 3, Oklahoma St. 2, Duquesne 1, BYU 1, Arkansas 1.			

### Women's AP Top 25 poll

First-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 15, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Stanford (27)	9-0	747	1
2. UConn (1)	8-0	685	2
3. Oregon (1)	8-1	679	3
4. Oregon St. (1)	9-0	653	4
5. South Carolina	10-1	533	5
6. Louisville	10-1	599	7
7. Baylor	8-1	598	6
8. Florida St.	10-0	549	8
9. NC State	10-0	497	9
10. UCLA	9-0	459	10
11. Texas A&M	9-1	447	11
12. Indiana	10-1	422	12
13. Maryland	8-2	398	13
14. Kentucky	10-1	361	14
15. Mississippi St.	8-2	333	15
16. DePaul	9-1	314	16
17. Gonzaga	9-1	256	17
18. Arizona	10-0	242	18
19. Michigan St.	7-2	153	19
20. Missouri St.	9-1	151	20
21. Arkansas	10-1	123	21

22. West Virginia	7-1	115	22
23. Tennessee	8-1	100	23
24. Michigan	9-1	77	24
25. South Dakota	12-1	45	—
Others receiving votes: Miami 42, Florida Gulf Coast 37, Minnesota 20, Rutgers 7, Colorado 4, Arizona St. 1, TCU 1, Ohio St. 1, Kansas 1.			

### Sunday's men's result

**NEBRASKA 70, PURDUE 56**

**PURDUE (6-4)**  
Williams 9-13 0-2 18, Haarms 1-8 1-2 3, Hunter 3-10 0-0 7, Stefanovic 2-10 0-0 6, Proctor 2-11 1-1 5, Boudreaux 0-2 0-0 0, Wheeler 1-8 0-0 3, Eastern 2-6 0-0 4, Thompson 4-11 0-0 10. Totals 24-79 2-5 56.

**NEBRASKA (5-6)**  
Ouedraogo 3-6 0-0 6, Cheatham 4-11 0-0 9, Mack 4-7 0-0 11, Thorbjarnarson 3-8 5-6 13, Burke 7-13 0-1 18, Cross 3-8 0-0 7, Kavas 2-8 0-0 4, Easley 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 26-61 7-9 70.

Halftime-Nebraska 34-23, 3-Point Goals-Purdue 6-35 (Thompson 2-8, Stefanovic 2-8, Hunter 1-5, Wheeler 1-7, Haarms 0-1, Boudreaux 0-2, Proctor 0-4), Assists-Purdue 12 (Williams 3), Nebraska 22 (Mack) 12. Total Fouls-Purdue 15, Nebraska 9. A-15,654 (15,147).

### NOTRE DAME 75, UCLA 61

**UCLA (7-4)**  
Riley 3-11 0-1 6, Hill 0-5 3-4 3, Ali 3-7 3-4 9, Campbell 2-5 0-2 5, Jaquez 3-8 2-3 9, Olesinski 2-5 0-0 5, O'Neal 3-6 1-4 8, Singleton 2-4 0-0 6, Smith 4-12 1-2 10, Kyman 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-63 10-20 61.

**NOTRE DAME (8-3)**  
Durham 1-3 0-1 2, Mooney 5-11 3-3 14, Gibbs 4-14 3-4 15, Hubb 6-12 3-5 20, Pfleger 0-5 0-1 0, Laszewski 3-6 0-0 8, Goodwin 5-12 3-3 16. Totals 24-63 12-17 75.

Halftime-Notre Dame 31-24, 3-Point Goals-UCLA 7-16 (Singleton 2-4, Olesinski 1-2, O'Neal 1-2, Campbell 1-2, Smith 1-2, Jaquez 1-3, Ali 0-1), Notre Dame 15-39 (Hubb 5-10, Gibbs 4-10, Goodwin 3-8, Laszewski 2-5, Mooney 1-3, Pfleger 0-3). Fouled Out-Jaquez. Rebounds-UCLA 45 (O'Neal 11), Notre Dame 38 (Mooney 15). Assists-UCLA 9 (Ali, Campbell, Smith 2), Notre Dame 15 (Hubb 6). Total Fouls-UCLA 18, Notre Dame 14. A-8,083 (9,149).

### Friday's result

**INDIANA 96, NEBRASKA 90, OT**

**NEBRASKA (4-6)**  
Ouedraogo 4-11 1-4 9, Thorbjarnarson 7-12 0-0 17, Mack 5-14 2-2 15, Cheatham 7-15 5-6 21, Burke 9-16 3-4 25, Arp 0-0 0-0 0, Cross 1-3 1-2 3, Kavas 3-0 0-0 0, Easley 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 33-75 12-18 90.

**INDIANA (10-1)**  
Brunk 3-4 2-2 8, Jackson-Davis 9-12 7-11 25, Smith 5-9 6-10 16, D.Green 2-7 0-0 5, Durham 4-10 4-4 14, Anderson 0-4 5-6 5, Thompson 1-4 1-2 3, Hunter 1-3 0-1 2, Davis 1-1 0-0 2, Franklin 0-4 0-0 0, Phinisee 6-10 2-2 16. Totals 32-68 27-38 96.

# NORSE

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points, all on free throws from Kenzie Baer, Emma Hoover and Emily Pennington, to open up an 18-13 advantage at halftime.

MaKenna Pace sparked the Knights in the third period with the team’s first five points to keep Southwood in striking distance. The hosts looked primed for a run when Emma Hoover, Northfield’s leading scorer, was forced to the bench with three minutes left after picking up her fourth foul, joining Baker on the sideline in foul trouble.

Without its top two scorers, though, Northfield made a crucial run. Baer would hit a layup, Kearston Stout would split her free throws as the missed freebie would be rebounded by the Norse and eventually turned into two points from Baker. Ainsley Dale knocked down a jumper to extend the lead to 33-24 heading into the fourth as the visitors scored seven of the final 10 points of the frame.

“We kept saying we needed to make the run in the third when (Emma) Hoover and (Addi) Baker were in foul trouble,” West said. “And that’s actually when they pulled away. But we came

back and won the fourth quarter. Only by one quarter, unfortunately, but the point was we were going to play them for 32 minutes. They had to know win or lose, we were playing them for 32 minutes.”

The lead briefly touched double digits after a Baker basket to open the fourth but the Knights scored four straight points to keep with-in striking distance. The Knights would get a score from Aleia Sweet and a defensive stop down 37-30 with a chance to cut the lead to two possessions.

But as happened often on the night, the Knight offense could not make good on opportunities created by the defense. And with Hoover back on the court, the Norse put the final nail in the coffin. The junior guard would drive into the lane before finding Baker for a layup and a foul, pushing the lead back to 10 points.

Free throws from Hoover and Dale gave Northfield its biggest lead of the night at 43-30 as they would cruise to a comfortable win in the final minutes.

In the end for Southwood, crucial runs to end the second and third periods by Northfield proved to be the difference on the night.

# TIGERS

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lead at 43-33 in the final seconds until Shafer hit the 10th Northfield three of the half to make it 43-36 at halftime. The visitors were even with the Tigers in terms of scoring from the field but by halftime Peru had already taken 14 free throw attempts, a factor Brewer said was to be expected with the way the hosts attacked the basket.

“Wednesday night against (Fort Wayne) Canterbury, the fouls were lopsided and the officiating was bad,” Brewer noted. “Tonight, the fouls were lopsided and it was legit. We knew (Peru) was going to take it at us and we wanted to try to pick up some charge calls, which we got a couple. Our guys were getting too deep to take the charge calls, though, and we weren’t able to get as many as we needed.”

The Norse showed better defensive tendencies to start the second half, limiting the hosts’ driving opportunities and open the third quarter on a 10-2 with Shafer and Dillon Tomlinson hitting back-to-back threes to take a 46-45 lead. Matt Ross scored to take the lead back at 47-46, followed by a Townsend steal and score, only for Graydon Holmes to get in on the three-point act to tie the game at 49-49.

“I’m reading the defense constantly, setting back screens and then constantly cutting,” Holmes said on getting more involved in the second half, finishing with 16 points, eight rebounds, three assists and two blocks. “I didn’t have to do much in the first half but it felt pretty good watching the shots go in.

As a team, we played pretty well and we just need to get better from here.”

The Tigers scored the next six points, four coming from the line between Ross and Majors, the former being sent to the line off Clayton Tomlinson’s fourth foul.

“We confused them when we changed up defenses in the second half,” Brewer said on keeping things close throughout the third quarter. “What hurt us was Clayton picking up a silly foul for his third in the first half. We’ve told the guys it only takes one silly foul to take you to the point where, late in the game, you can’t play. (Peru) posted him up a couple of times knowing he had four fouls.”

Curtis and Dillon Tomlinson would trade threes late as Peru went into the fourth quarter leading 60-56. Dillon Tomlinson started the final eight minutes with the 15th Northfield three of the game but Ross hit four free throws to keep the Norsemen at bay at 64-59. Holmes converted a three-point play while Majors hit 1-of-2 at the line, followed by a pair of Curtis baskets at the rim to stretch the lead to 69-62 with 4:29 to play.

Majors scored off a steal while the visitors put the Tigers in the double bonus with 3:48 remaining. Curtis hit 1-of-2 to make it a 10-point game only for Shafer to hit a three at the other end. Northfield missed twice at the rim in the final minutes and Peru hit all six free throws it took in the final minute to ensure the hosts would move to 1-0 in TRC play.

Peru’s slowing of the pace late meant positive possessions became crucial down the stretch with

“A lot of it is we just have to learn to execute,” West said. “When they’re going on runs, we’ve talked about we have to be able to execute some plays. When just motion or open offense stuff isn’t getting us going, we have to be able to set specific screens, specific passes or draw up plays for specific players and we’ve really struggled with that all year. And then we have to get more rebounds. A lot of times, those runs seem to get extended by giving up too many offensive rebounds or they run down a loose ball. Just little things add up.”

Pace finished with 13 points while Helfin had six and Erin Lehner five. For Northfield, Baker had 14 points and Stout eight while the pair each pulled down seven boards.

The win was the fifth straight for Northfield as they improve to 7-3. Southwood falls to 2-8 with its fourth consecutive loss, but West was encouraged by his side’s performances on the week.

“We’re definitely headed in the right direction,” he said. “We work on defense every day and that’s keeping us in games.”

The Norse will host Wabash on Saturday while Southwood travels to Bluffton on Tuesday.

Brewer believing a more determined outlook, despite fatigue and being banged up, might have gotten the team over the line in the end.

“We talk about it in practice that, because of the way they shoot the ball, we don’t feel like we’re ever out of a game,” Brewer said. “Now, we have to convince our guys that they’re never out of a game. The normal Northfield culture at times is to let it go at times. Once we defeat that negative mentality, we’re going to be a good ball club; come January, we’re not going to be fun to play.”

Dillon Tomlinson led the Norsemen with 18 points, followed by Holmes on 16 points, Shafer on 15 points and Clayton Tomlinson on 13 points. Chandler led all scorers with 22 points for the Tigers, followed by Curtis on 17 points, Majors on 16 points and Townsend with 11 points.

Northfield, falling to 0-3, travels to Southern Wells (1-3) Tuesday night starting at 6 p.m. with Brewer stating the players needed to continue to show the same signs of life they showed against the Tigers in order to pick up some steam with Wabash waiting at the weekend.

“This is where the guys have to realize how good we can be,” Brewer said heading into the final games before Christmas. “We shoot like this every day in practice, so I wasn’t shocked, but I know people were shocked because we hadn’t shot like that yet. This is what we expect. We expect these guys to hit 12-plus threes every night and with the shooters we have, I don’t think that’s a far expectations.”

# SQUIRES

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a three-point game. They shot it pretty well from three. We went in with the game plan (of) we’re going to give up the three; let’s not let them get to the rim or the paint. We did a pretty good job of doing that most of the night. I didn’t feel like they would beat us from the three, but then they almost did it. But still, you’ve got to beat us one way or the other, and we picked you’ve got to beat us from the three tonight.”

Jordan Hollowell paced Huntington North offensively with 18 points and added a game-best 10 rebounds to complete the lone double-double of the night.

Deven Newcomb and Zach Hubartt also impressed for the Vikings, scoring 16 and 13

# New in-law's rape conviction tests family relationships

**DEAR ABBY:** My stepdaughter recently married a convicted rapist. She refuses to believe he raped an elderly woman even though there was corroborating DNA evidence. While he admitted his guilt in front of a judge and spent some time in jail, the conviction was later overturned, after which he denied his culpability.

My stepdaughter has two young children from a prior marriage and she's now pregnant with his child. They live in another state. I am a rape survivor. I am absolutely adamant that this man is not welcome in my home.

I do not want to negatively affect my husband's relationship with his daughter, but her decision to become a family with this individual has been difficult for me. She's planning to visit, and I – and others in our families – have no idea what to even say to her. How do we handle social interactions? Please help. – Staying Firm In New Mexico

**DEAR STAYING FIRM:** Because you do not want the husband under your roof, your husband should entertain them separately away from your home. If you HAVE to see them, be warm and cordial to your stepdaughter and nonconfrontational to her husband. I advise the same for the other family members whom she plans to visit.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a friend, an acquaintance really, who once confessed to me that he is bisexual. This is not a big deal because I am as well. The problem is, his wife doesn't know he's bi or that he secretly meets men for sex.

I have repeatedly advised him that he shouldn't be doing that and he needs to tell his wife. But all that got me is he ceased talking to me. I don't know if he's still doing it, but I'm assuming so. What, if anything, should I do or say? Should I tell his wife? – All For Truth In Wisconsin

**DEAR ALL:** Put yourself in the wife's situation. If your spouse or significant other was having sex with multiple partners, wouldn't you want to know? If you tell her, she can have her doctor test her for exposure to any number of STDs – all of which are on the rise. Please don't wait.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I have been married for 35 years. For the last seven years, we have been separated. He treated me badly, and finally, I refused to take it, so I left him. I moved out, bought a car and bought a home, all on my own. I'm proud of myself.

We have tried marriage counseling, but I felt like we were just going through the motions. He has pressured me in the past about getting back together, but I know he will go right back to his old behavior.

My question is, when is it time to get a divorce? I'm confused about just being separated because it makes me feel I'm in limbo. – In-between In Colorado

**DEAR IN-BETWEEN:** You ARE in limbo. You tried marriage counseling; it didn't help you trust that your husband wouldn't continue to abuse you. Call a lawyer. After seven years (!) of separation, the time to formally untie the knot is now.

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## CROSSWORD

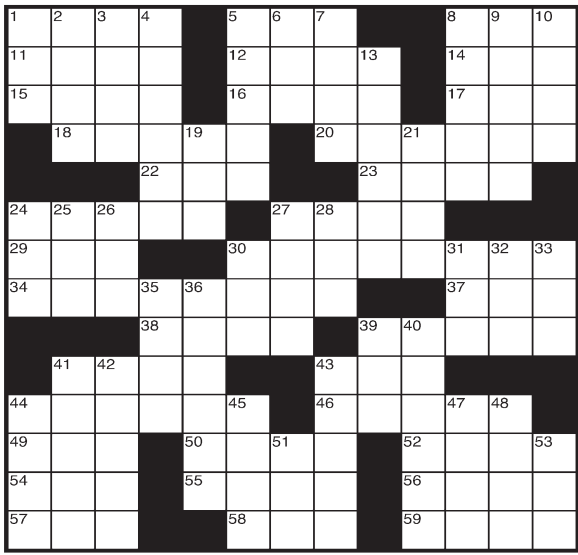
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34 Thesaurus entries  
37 Recent (pref.)  
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39 Rodeo rope  
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### DOWN

- 1 Corporate execs  
2 Vaccine type  
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4 Edits  
5 Pine  
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8 Gullible  
9 Of yore  
10 One-sidedness  
13 Calorie counter  
19 Cartoon shriek  
21 Excuse me!  
24 Cal. rows  
25 Attention-getter  
26 John, in Aberdeen  
27 Poor box donations  
28 Musical notes  
30 Author — Rand  
31 — jiffy  
32 Mesh fabric  
33 Tibetan gazelle  
35 Bravos  
36 Carson City's state  
39 Thing, in law  
40 Girders (hyph.)  
41 "The Trial" author  
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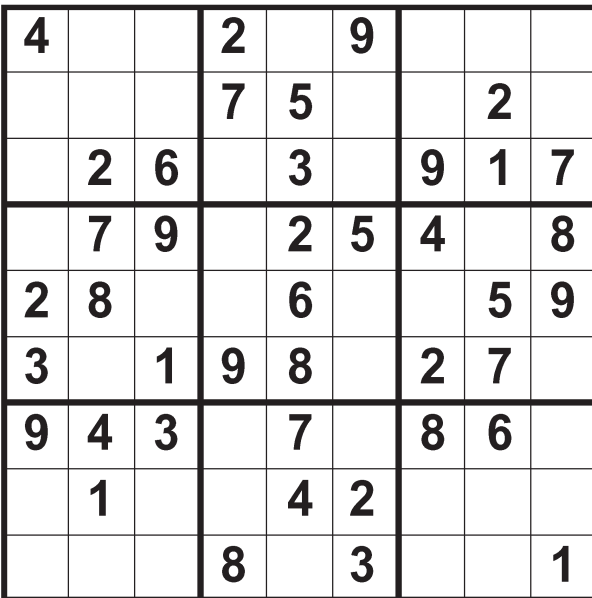
Answer to Previous Puzzle



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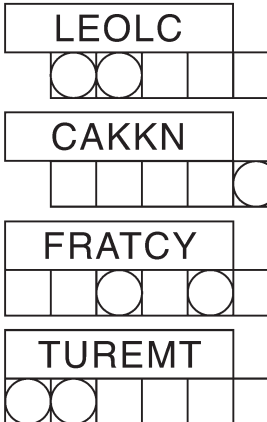
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### PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



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Print your answer here:

THE Jumbles: CABLE VIVID GATHER INHALE Answer: If George Washington's Mount Rushmore carving came to life, he'd — HAVE A BIG HEAD

### THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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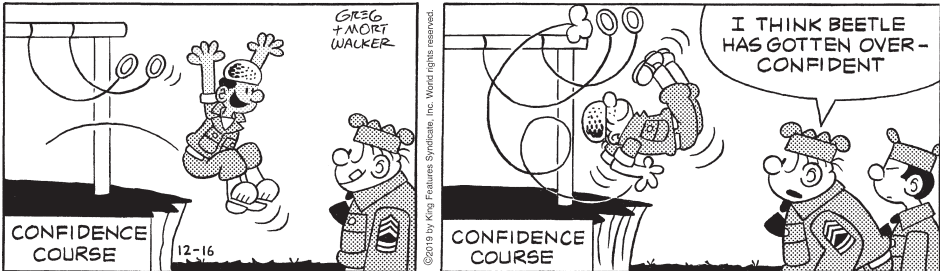
By Bil Keane



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"Let's see ... this is the 16th ... there are EIGHT more days."

## BEETLE BAILEY



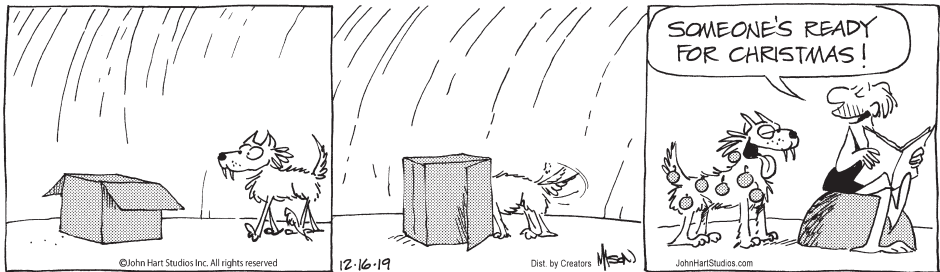
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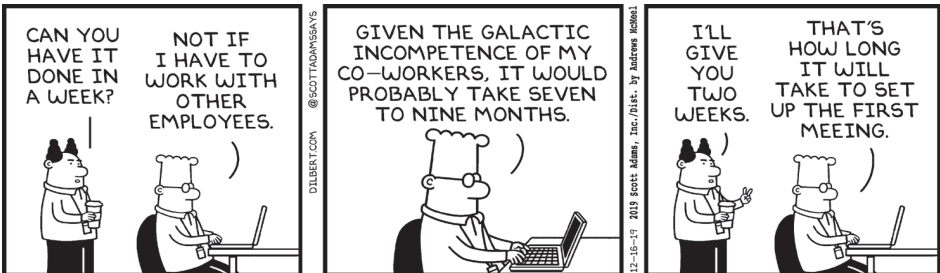
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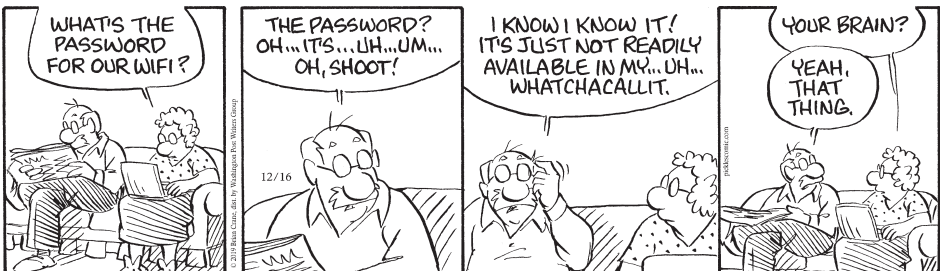
## GARFIELD



## FORT KNOX



## PICKLES



## God calls to unrepentant hearts to hear His voice

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

**Q:** What is the unpardonable sin? My son claims that his daughter has committed this sin and I want to understand what this means. — F.G.

**Billy Graham**

**My Answer**

**A:** The unpardonable sin involves the total and irrevocable rejection of Jesus Christ. Stephen, the first martyr,

called out to those who were stiff-necked, always resisting the Holy Spirit (Acts 7:51). As long as the Spirit of God strives with a person, he or she has not committed the unpardonable sin. But when a person has so resisted the Holy Spirit that the Spirit strives no more, then there is eternal danger.

The fatal infection of sin in the hearts of unregenerate people can cause them to resist the Holy Spirit. The flesh

and the reprobate mind always fight Him. When people do this, they will not receive the Word of God in its power unless the Holy Spirit gains victory over them.

There is a way for the sinner to be forgiven for resisting the Holy Spirit: Surrender to Jesus to whom the Spirit bears witness and receive His forgiveness.

There are many people who live in fear that they have committed the unpardonable sin; they agonize over it, are frightened by it, and think themselves doomed, tricking

themselves into believing that it is too late to repent and receive Christ as Savior. This is Satan's deception. God calls to unrepentant hearts to hear His voice and come to Him.

We should always urge men everywhere to repent and turn to Jesus since we do not know when the Spirit has stopped dealing with them. And let us pray that those about whom we are most uncertain, may yet respond to the Good News that Jesus saves and sends His Holy Spirit to give believers direction, discernment, power, and faith to obey Him.

## CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

" B T B O S B D T A O D H I N E V H O Z H T D U Z L H Y J D W H D U Z Y J H O D Z N Z C B J B H O . B ' N N I Y H R E R N V O H D X Z D W E Y Y B Z S . . . R Z K E A J Z H T B D . " — F E O A E Y V F H O Z J

Previous Solution: "A lot of comics just joke around, but it's just as important to get the truth out there." — Lisa Lampanelli

TODAY'S CLUE: A gienbo 7

# Birthday party guest list does not include newborn

**DEAR ABBY:** My brother- and sister-in-law were trying to have a baby using artificial insemination. A few months into the very difficult pregnancy, they were told the baby had many life-threatening defects and asked if they wanted to terminate because the baby had little, if any, chance of surviving. They chose to carry the baby to natural birth.

A month or so before she was due, she went into labor. The baby lived for only a few hours. They had a funeral, and it was a very sad event. A month later, on the due date, they started organizing a birthday party for their 10-year-old daughter and invited 30 to 40 people, young and old. They contacted my son and daughter-in-law, who had been pregnant at the same time and had given birth to a healthy baby, and asked them not to bring their newborn. Other babies a year old or older are invited.

How should we respond? Leave the baby and my daughter-in-law at home, or refuse the invitation? Was it proper for my brother-in-law and his wife to throw a party and unwelcome a newborn? – Lost In Etiquette

**DEAR LOST:** Your brother-in-law and his family are in mourning. They have my deepest sympathy. If they felt it would be too painful after their loss to host a tiny baby at the birthday party, they should not be criticized. Your daughter-in-law should GRACIOUSLY refuse the invitation, saying she is sorry she will be unable to attend, and send a gift for the daughter.

**DEAR ABBY:** What do you think of barbers or beauticians who take phone calls and continue to talk to the callers while doing a client's hair? I haven't said anything because I don't want an angry person cutting my hair. It's almost like having a doctor talk on the phone while doing surgery. What do you think? – Hair-Raising In Illinois

**DEAR HAIR-RAISING:** A short conversation to book an appointment is one thing, but what you have described is just plain rude. The first time the beautician did it you should have spoken up. Because you didn't, she/he thinks you don't mind.

Hairdressing is a service business, and the client in the chair should take priority. If you are really afraid your stylist would butcher your haircut in retaliation if you complain (talk about passive aggressive!), find someone else to provide this service.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been a widow for three years. Sixteen years ago, my husband and I built a modest – but nice – home and worked very hard to pay off the mortgage early. I am constantly asked if I am going to stay in my home or if I plan to sell it. I have no intention of moving at this time or in the near future, if at all. Is there a good answer to give people when they keep asking this question? Do they think I am not capable of living in a house by myself? Any suggestions will be appreciated. – Happy At Home

**DEAR HAPPY:** When someone asks that question, rather than become defensive, say, “Why do you ask?” Then let the person explain the reason behind it. Instead of implying that you are no longer capable of living alone, the questioner may be considering making an offer to buy it from you.

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## CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**

1 Coffee shop

5 Escape

8 Lose brightness

11 Cotton pod

12 Code for O'Hare

13 Ovid works

15 Thin board

16 ER staff

17 Turnstile

18 Knot

20 Worker with acid blossom

22 Large

24 Seaside

25 Bauxite

26 Zebra mark

30 Rocket housing

32 Egg layer

33 Cable

37 Job to do

38 Bumbler

39 Big-city problem

40 Price saver

43 Bulldog kin

44 Oscar nominee

47 Duelers' weapons

49 Christie sleuth

**DOWN**

1 NBC rival

2 "You've got mail" co.

3 Soft fabrics

4 "Crocodile Rock" composer — John

5 Knowledge

6 Prince

7 Consumer gds.

8 Rawhide for canines (2 wds.)

9 Utah neighbor

10 Unit of length

14 Withered

19 German article

21 Recipe amt.

22 Expense

23 La Scala highlight

27 A grand

28 Gather grain

29 Knowledge

31 1881 gunfight site (2 wds.)

34 Slowing down

35 Womanizer base

36 Omelet

41 Gold, in Peru

42 Before marriage

44 Lhasa —

45 Chefs

46 Sparkling adornment

48 Barbecue spot

50 Smidgens

51 Sweet-scented flower

54 Call — cab

56 Whopper

57 Riviera summer

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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## JUMBLE

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PIYNP

OJSUYO

RLAMEV

Print your answer here:

Yesterday's Jumbles: CELLO KNACK CRAFTY MUTTER  
Answer: The pair of scissors was defective and didn't — MAKE THE CUT

## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Keep going. Your vocabulary is getting huge!

Oh yeah! Huge, enormous, giant, gigantic, massive...

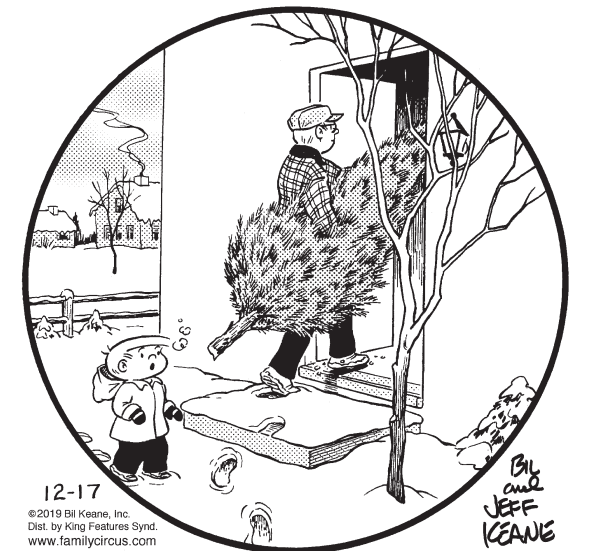
What a big bore.

SHE WAS LEARNING SYNONYMS FOR "LARGE," AND LOVED IT ---

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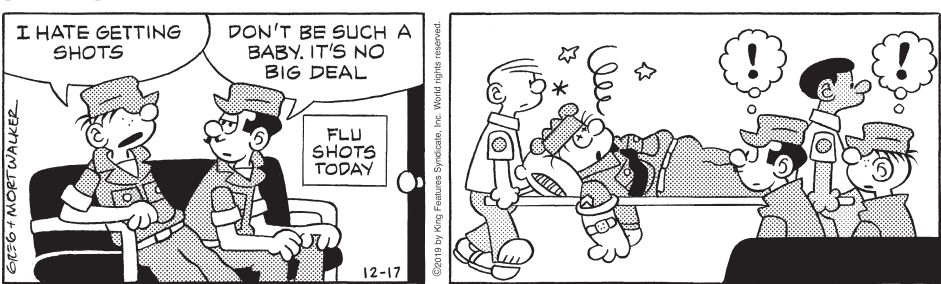
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"Oooh, I bet our maple tree's jealous. We never bring IT in the house."

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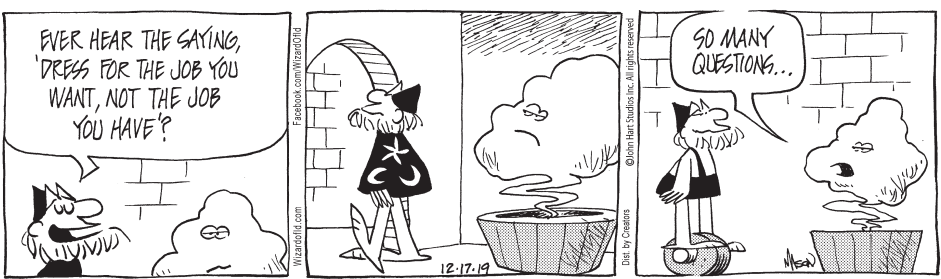
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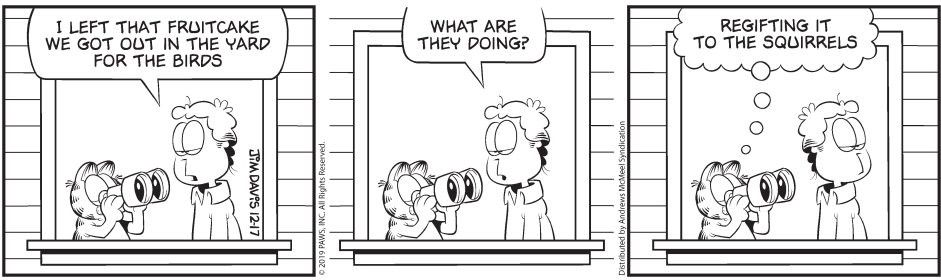
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## No clergy has a right to lower God's standards

**Q:** My pastor said that God understands our desires and that we should not take the Ten Commandments literally. While this helps in excusing my own behavior, somehow it doesn't ring true. Can God defy His own word? – P.H.

**A:** People don't like to think of God in terms of wrath, anger, and judgment. They prefer to fashion God after their own preferences and give God characteristics they want Him to have. People try to remake God to conform to their own wishful thinking to make them comfortable in their sins. This "god" has the attributes of love, mercy, and forgiveness without justice. This means an absence of judgment and punishment for sin. God is reconstructed along the lines of tolerance, all-embracing love, and universal goodwill. The Bibli-

cal view that righteousness is as ultimate as love in the divine nature is abandoned. In this view of God there are no laws that demand obedience and no standards to which man must adhere.

Years ago at Harvard Divinity School a group of clergy gathered to discuss God's law. One professor said that premarital sex between engaged couples was all right, that God would understand. A professor at another theological school thought that no sexual relationship should be absolutely condemned by the church. Still today, many church leaders continue to reconstruct God accord-

ing to the secular and humanistic trends of our time. But the church has not created God's laws; it is to uphold them and abide by them.

The Bible warns that evil men understand not judgment. The Bible says, "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul" (Psalm 19:7). Jesus Himself put His stamp of approval on the law when He said: "It is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one tittle of the law to fail" (Luke 16:17). No clergy has a right to lower God's standards lest he become guilty of heresy. Receive God's truth and walk in His ways to experience the abundant life.

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— ACHBBHD INTRHKA

Previous Solution: "I find it fun to play one of the worst mothers on television. I'll probably not get married ... because of it." — January Jones  
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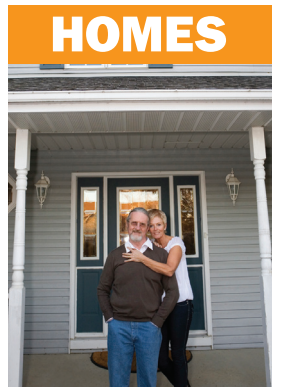
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**Professional**

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